

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 3-12, of Applicants' Specification as follows:

The focused acoustic beam 22 has a resolution equivalent to the wavelength of the acoustic waves propagated. This may be of order of about 1 micron. However, if tip AFM 24 includes an AFM cantilever tip 27 as a transmitter of acoustical oscillations as shown in FIG. 3, then the resolution is merely limited to the AFM tip radius, currently between about 10 and about 20 nm. In FIG. 3, cantilever tip 27 transfers acoustic energy to surface 11 by vibrating. The vibrations are propagated through tip by acoustic transmitter or oscillator 29 of AFM 24.

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